

Frank P. Pearson DPT, PA-C

Director, VA San Diego Healthcare System, Veterans Health Administration



Dr. Frank P. Pearson has served as the Director of the VA San Diego Healthcare System since January 2023. He oversees a staff of nearly 4,000 employees who provide healthcare services to more than 180,000 Veterans in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The VA San Diego Healthcare System consists of a 296-bed medical center and seven clinic locations in Southern California, as well as an off-site Residential Treatment Center and co-located Telemental Hub. The annual budget is nearly one billion dollars.

Dr. Pearson previously served as a Director at the VA Syracuse Healthcare System from August 2020 to December 2022. There, he ensured VA Syracuse was aligned with the FY 2020-2024 VHA long-range planning framework. He provided leadership for 1700 staff members serving Veterans at the Syracuse Medical Center and seven outlying community clinics serving 50,000 Veteran beneficiaries.

Before joining the VA, Dr. Pearson, a retired US Navy Captain, held the position of Chief Executive Director of Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. His previous positions include Chief Operating Officer of Naval Hospital Pensacola in Pensacola, Florida, and Chief Operating Officer of Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California. He earned his doctorate and master's degree in physical therapy from Baylor University and a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from AT Still University's Arizona School of Health Sciences.